

DEVOTION

Mark 13:8



Luke 21:7-24

Romans 8:19-23

1 Corinthians 16:13

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Glitches frustrate Cyclone Freddy recovery, relocation efforts

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and 4kg of seed to plant, but it was too late and we won't harvest enough. So, much as we have housing, we need resources to start some businesses and move on," the chief said.

Dodma spokesperson Chipilio Khamula said they have so far built 45 houses at Phweremwe in Phalombe, 35 houses

at Njewa in Mulanje, eight houses in Zomba while others are being constructed in Chiradzulu and have moved 4 000 households from Makhanga to Osiyana in Nsanje.

For the 4 000 households, he said they have relocated a community day secondary school and now plan to move Makhanga Primary School, health post and

market once resources are found.

Said Khamula: "In terms of challenges, we still need \$680 million for reconstruction and recovery as outlined in the post recovery report. Mostly, partners come in to help and there are no definite figures of how much has come in this far."

He said people, mostly in rural areas, realise

the need to move, but there is reluctance in town, giving an example of Soche in Blantyre where he said donor partners may help to provide resources to start construction of houses at Mapanga.

Under Section 34 of the Disaster Risk Management Act (2023), where a high-risk area or any part thereof, is declared a prohibited area

for human habitation, the commissioner for Dodma shall relocate the people resident in the area to another area.

Where relocation is implemented during a time, other than during an emergency stage of a disaster, it says the commissioner shall give not less than 30 days' notice, put in place measures to prevent, mitigate and compensate,

any negative socio-economic impact of the resettlement on the host community.

Between the 2015/16 and 2022/23 seasons, a succession of one El Niño, four cyclones (Idai, Gombe, Anna and Freddy), and major floods have resulted in significant loss of life, property and livelihoods for the already fragile economy. ■

Dry spell puts lives at risk

ALLAN NYASULU
STAFF REPORTER

Care East, Central and Southern Africa says the record dry spell that has hit Southern African countries, including Malawi, has put millions of people's lives at risk and driven communities on the brink of humanitarian emergency.

In a press release dated March 13 2024, the humanitarian organisation said the region is experiencing the lowest rainfall recorded in at least 40 years, with devastating consequences for agriculture, water availability and livelihoods.

Care further states that a combination of crop failure, widespread wilting of crops and over 9 000 drought-related cattle deaths have been recorded between October 2023 and February 2024.

Care Southern Africa regional director Matthew Pickard expressed grave concern over the situation, saying it is pushing Southern Africa to the brink of a humanitarian crisis.

"Coupled with an ongoing cholera outbreak, millions of people are facing severe hardship. Crops are wilting, livestock are dying, and millions of people are facing severe food and water shortages. The situation is particularly dire for women and girls, who often bear the brunt of such emergencies," he said.

Care further reports that the relentless dry spell



A couple in their wilted maize garden in Blantyre

not only persists but is also increasing in scale and without immediate interventions, the future of southern Africa is bleak.

In Malawi, the World Food Programme estimates that over 6.8 million people are experiencing food shortages, while in Zambia, where a national disaster has been declared, five million people have been affected due to a persistent dry spell in seven provinces.

Over 5.3 million people are facing acute hunger in Zimbabwe while another 7.6 million may face it by September 2024. In Madagascar, 601 000 individuals face severe food scarcity.

Reacting to the news, Coordination Union for the Rehabilitation of the Environment (Cure)

executive director Charles Mkoka said climate change knows no boundaries, as such, Africans should work together to tackle the challenges.

He further said climate-related challenges are becoming increasingly prevalent as the world continues to change due to emissions affecting the atmosphere.

Minister of Agriculture Sam Kawale asked for more time, but was yet to respond as we went to press at 8pm yesterday.

However, in December last year he told *The Nation*, that government outlined initiatives to combat the effects of El Niño, stressing collaboration with public and non-State actors. He said crop diversification, water management and

soil conservation are the El Niño mitigation measures that farmers are urged to adopt.

On his part, agriculture policy expert Tamani Nkhono Mvula said the country has potential to be food secure even if the rains do not come in the next four years.

But he faulted government for allocating over K161 billion to the Affordable Inputs Programme in the 2023/2024 National Budget despite the initiative failing to produce results.

In February, the Department of Climate Change and Meteorological Services told the *The Nation* that the country will continue to experience dry spells till the end of the rainy season in April this year. ■

Fertiliser plant plans stall

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to produce in countries where petroleum is not an issue," said Nkhono Mvula.

Meanwhile, Parliamentary Committee on Agricultural Committee member Sameer Suleman has expressed concern that delays in conducting the feasibility study has the potential to scare away the investors.

Malawi Government has been struggling to import fertiliser due to foreign exchange challenges and the rise in the price of the commodity on the global market.

In April 2021, former minister of Agriculture Lobin Lowe said government was engaging SFFRFM and other



Nkhono Mvula:
Conduct study

stakeholders to have the fertiliser manufacturing plant functional by December 2023.

Back in the early 2000s, a Taiwanese firm expressed interest to set up a similar plant, but government abandoned the project after Malawi switched diplomatic ties from Taiwan to China in 2007. ■

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Ex-Admarc workers, Old Mutual return to court

The Industrial Relations Court (IRC) in Mzuzu is tomorrow expected to give direction in a case where former workers of Agricultural Development and Marketing Corporation (Admarc) are claiming pension, repatriation costs and unpaid salaries for skeleton staff. A notice of hearing of the case *The Nation* has seen shows that the matter will be heard by IRC deputy chairperson Anthony Kapaswiche in Mzuzu. Parties to the case are Blessings Chimaliro and 4 060 others and Admarc as the first defendant and Old Mutual Malawi plc is the second defendant. The parties are returning to court after failing to resolve the issue out of court as earlier guided. On December 21 2023, the IRC gave Admarc and Old Mutual 21 days to resolve the matter out of court. In an interview yesterday, spokesperson of the ex-workers Samuel Katambi said most of the ex-employees were yet to receive their pension. The retrenched workers had earlier sought an order to commit to prison Old Mutual group chief executive officer Edith Jiya and board chairperson Innocencia Ottober for alleged contempt of court after the company failed to meet a 14-day deadline set by the court on November 28 2023 to make the pension payments.—RALPH MVONA, STAFF REPORTER.



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Cholera Update 19th February 2024



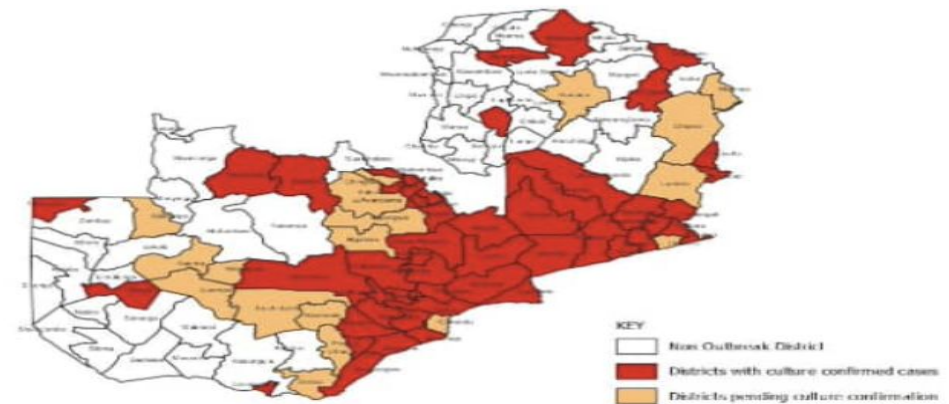
NATIONAL DAILY CHOLERA UPDATE

19TH FEBRUARY 2024



	WITHIN 24 HRS	CUMULATIVE SINCE OCT 2023
CASES	113	19,474
DISCHARGES	134	18,650(96%)
IN ADMISSION	145	

DEATHS	24 HRS	SINCE OCT 2023
FACILITY	1	280
COMMUNITY	1	399
TOTAL	2	679(3.5)



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BACK2SCHOOL CHOLERA KNOWLEDGE TIPS

How is Cholera Spread?

- Cholera is spread by eating food or drinking water contaminated with faeces from a person with Cholera
- Food or water can get contaminated with Cholera germs if touched by a person who has not washed his or her hands after using the toilet
- Food can also get contaminated when flies with Cholera germs sit on the uncovered food
- Water can also get contaminated when garbage or faeces left in the open is washed into our water sources such as rivers, wells and even some boreholes

If you are experiencing diarrhoea or vomiting, it could be cholera. Immediately inform your teacher, parent or go to the nearest health facility to seek medical help

**WE CAN
BEAT
CHOLERA
IF WE ALL PLAY
OUR
PART**







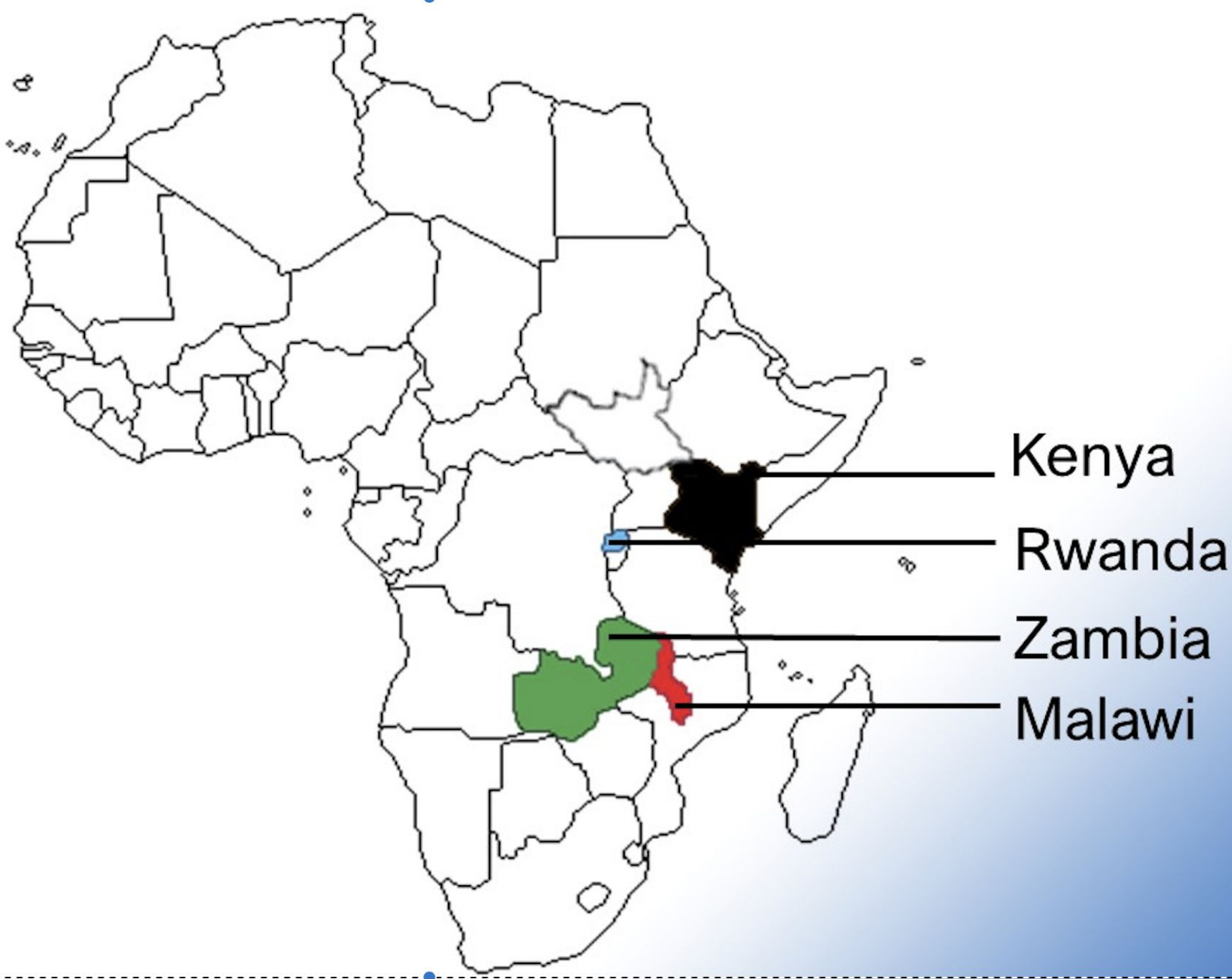


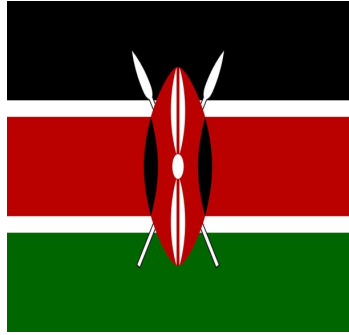
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Africa





Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa



"All One In Christ"



PCEA has 4.5 million members, 370 parishes, 56 presbyteries and 900 ministers (pastors).

ERP Church has 400,000 members, 226 parishes, 7 presbyteries and 253 active pastors, which includes non ordained pastors.

CCAP in Zambia has 83,000+ members, 90 church buildings, 15 presbyteries and 76 pastors.

UPCSA in Zambia has 8,716 members, 49 congregations, 3 presbyteries and 27 ministers (pastors)

CCAP in Blantyre, Malawi has 1.8 million members, 18 presbyteries and 239 ministers (pastors).

CCAP in Nkohma, Malawi has 700,000+ members, 220 parishes, 25 presbyteries, 230 pastors.

CCAP in Livingstonia, Malawi has 1 million members, 225 congregations (most congregations have an average of 5 prayer houses), 31 presbyteries, and 250 ministers (pastors).

■ **My role as regional liaison includes:**

Visits to international partner countries twice a year

Meet with heads of Church Synods/General Sec (7)

Meet with the admin. leaders of theological institutions (7)

Understand joys and challenges

Identify strategic resources for partners

Discern needs for mission co-workers/prepare job descriptions

Process and transfer donated funds to international partners

Conduct Interpretation Ministry in USA

Attend mission network conferences

A resource for USA constituencies.



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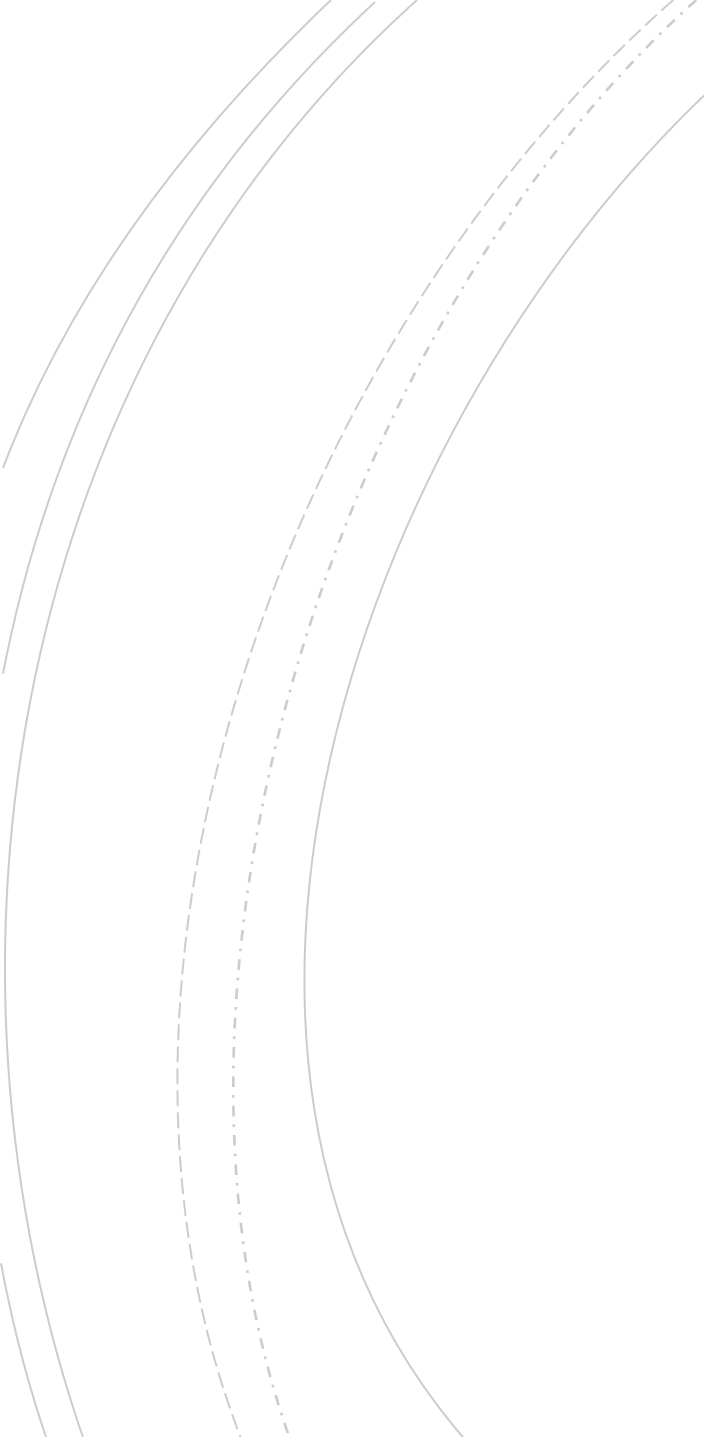
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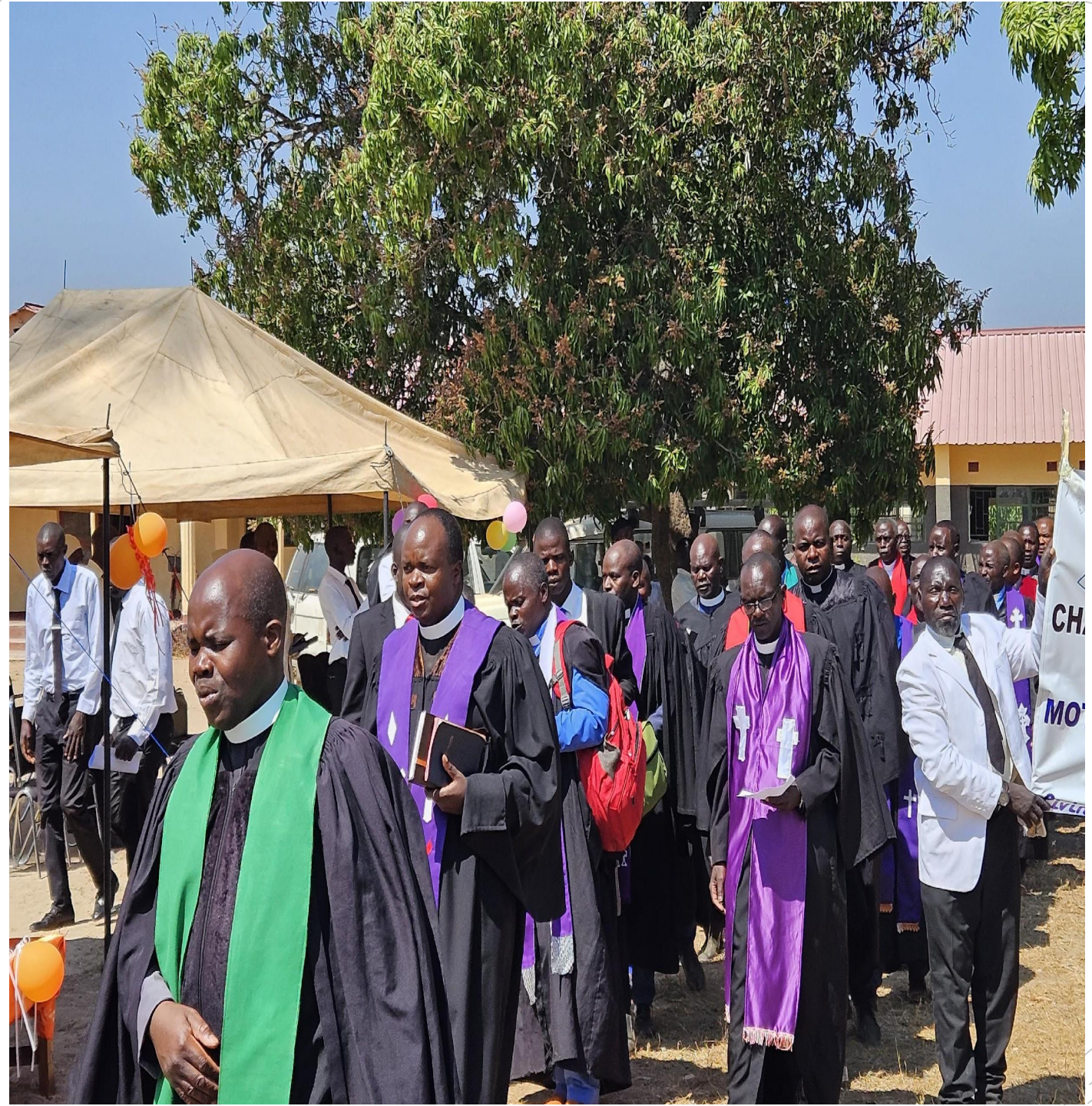
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C.C.A.P. BLANTYRE SYNOD

34TH BIENNIAL ASSEMBLY

Theme: Here I Am Lord, Send Me - Isaiah 6:8

Venue: ... Church Hall Date: 31st August, 2023





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Supporting Africa Area Coordinator (AC) & Presbyterian World Mission/Mission agency

- Work together as a team with other Africa RL's- monthly conference calls
- Assist AC with strategies and plans for Africa area
- respond to inquiries, problem-solve, updates
- Plan agenda for annual AC visits to East Central Africa

Support mission co-workers on my team

- Work with international partners to define MCWs positions - Participate in interview process
- Orient, support, mentor, encourage & assist where needed
- Administer annual reviews



Facilitate Partnerships

- Respond to PC(USA) constituencies
- Bridge and build relationships between PCUSA constituencies and international partner churches
- Assist with US constituents' visit itineraries
- Lift up areas of strategic concern
- Connect people from both sides of Atlantic









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HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT IT IS WHEN WE DWELL IN UNITY - Psalm 133

Who are we:

The Zambia-Zimbabwe-Mozambique-USA Mission Network is a community of Presbyterians formed by the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s World Mission, sustained by partnership, mutual respect, compassion, and gratitude that we are united as "one family." We are a link among sessions, ministries, missions, presbyteries, synods, denominational entities, theological institutions, community agencies, and individuals in seven denominations in Zambia, Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and the USA.

And you are part of it!

Opportunity:

We now invite you to be part of the ZZMUSA Network in a new way. As you may know, we are not an organization. We do not fund-raise for ongoing projects. And we do not seek to become a funding group. However, we are hoping to do something different within the network leadership. The Synods of Harare and Zambia of the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian and the Uniting Presbyterian Church in Southern Africa in Zambia and Zimbabwe have invited key leaders to embark on a transformative journey to Africa. Our Coordinating and Leadership Team (CLT) has accepted that invitation to travel to Africa, tentatively scheduled for September 8 through 21. We are looking to deepen the relationships within the Network, strengthen ministries in all places, and expand the ways we can work and serve together. Specifically, with the theme, "One in Christ," we are our coming together for an Insaka, a time of sharing and learning, a gathering of deep listening and collaborative responding and an opportunity for building closer relationships in all parts of the Network. In that time, we also hope to engage with theological institutions and press forward in providing ways for those preparing for ministry to truly become part of a global church. Our focus will be on visiting theological institutions, but we also plan to visit church and health institutions.

The eight persons invited to attend from the United States will be responsible for their costs of travel and in-country accommodations. But we know that the leaders from Zambia and Zimbabwe will struggle to meet those financial obligations. Our goal is to raise funds that will enable them to take part. Therefore, we are asking if you would consider making an investment in this event. The plan is for three persons from Zambia and three from Zimbabwe to attend along with the nine Americans designated by the Network. Although we are still developing our budget, our current cost estimate for lodging, meals, and local travel for the two-week stay is approximately \$ 3,000 per person (exclusive of round-trip airfare from the United States). We humbly request your prayers and consideration of contributing to assist our sisters and brothers in Africa with their expenses.

You can send individual tax-deductible gifts or church donations to: Mr. Joseph Henderson, c/o First Presbyterian Church, 510 S. 27th Ave., Brighton, Colorado 80601.

As you consider your gift, please remember ...

We are a unique bridge among diverse Presbyterians in four countries, united by faith in Jesus Christ. We communicate with them through regular newsletters, providing opportunities for critical and interconnected issues to be acknowledged and celebrated. We know that to "be church" anywhere in the world is a struggle and so we give the opportunity for all to be lifted in prayer across the Network through a WhatsApp Prayer Group. We have created a Network of shared leadership in all parts of its life. We have brought leaders together in planning groups, virtual conferences, panel discussions, and informal conversations. We aim to enhance collaboration among churches and health professionals. Our goal is to partner in preparing the next generation of leaders for the worldwide church.

And you are part of it all!

Thank you for your global efforts and anticipated contributions. If you have any questions, please contact me:
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